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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

***Requirement for Information under 37 CFR 1.105***

1. Applicant and the assignee of this application are required under 37 CFR 1.105 to provide the following information that the examiner has determined is reasonably necessary to the examination of this application.
2. The information is required to identify products and/or services embodying the disclosed subject matter of providing bases for evaluating methods and systems for printing postage indicia with the use of set-top box with web television interface or fax machine. Applicant is claiming priority base on PCT/US99/01781 which claims priority of Non-provisional US application 60/073,171.

In the response received 07 April 2005, applicant recites that the fax machine is "off the shelf" equipment. The information provided in response to the previous request for information mailed by the office on 02 February 2005 is not sufficient to expedite prosecution of this application.

To expedite prosecution of this application, please provide the name(s) of the manufacture(s) who manufacture the off the shelf equipment which one of the ordinary skill in the art can use to produce concrete and tangible results of ordering postal indicia using a fax machine without human intervention on the host side by using applicant's invention to order postal indicia. Also, please provide name(s) of fax machine(s) which provides capability of communicating with an external personal computer (94), external

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scale (93) and external label printer (91) as illustrated in the Fig. 1 originally filed on 18 March 2000.

In claim 4, applicant has recited the limitation "providing information at one of said customer locations via the fax machine relating to a requested postal indicium"; "presenting to the postal security device a request for the postal indicium"; "responding to said information indicative of the postal indicium by causing said printer to print said postal indicium on a label". Applicant is requested provide name of atleast one off the shelf equipment which one of the ordinary skill in the art can use to provide information to a fax machine, and, the fax machine takes this provided information and present it to the postal security device to order postal indicia, the fax machine capable of printing the received postal indicia and printing is on an external printer.

In the disclosure originally filed 18 March 2000, applicant recites "communications link 60 which is preferably the Internet but which could optionally be a private network operated by the service provider". Please provide additional information on the private network, and what protocol is used by the off the shelf fax machine.

Applicant should not erase the dates.

3. The fee and certification requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 are waived for those documents submitted in reply to this requirement. This waiver extends only to those documents within the scope of the requirement under 37 CFR 1.105 that are included in the applicant's first complete communication responding to this requirement. Any supplemental replies subsequent to the first communication responding to this

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requirement and any information disclosures beyond the scope of this requirement under 37 CFR 1.105 are subject to the fee and certification requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 where appropriate.

4. In responding to those requirements that require copies of documents, where the document is a bound text or a single article over 50 pages, the requirement may be met by providing copies of those pages that provide the particular subject matter indicated in the requirement, or where such subject matter is not indicated, the subject matter found in applicant's disclosure.

5. The applicant is reminded that the reply to this requirement must be made with candor and good faith under 37 CFR 1.56. Where the applicant does not have or cannot readily obtain an item of required information, a statement that the item is unknown or cannot be readily obtained will be accepted as a complete reply to the requirement for that item.

6. This requirement is subject to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.134, 1.135 and 1.136 and has a shortened statutory period of 2 months. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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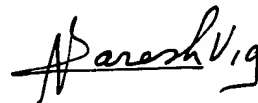
by providing copies of those pages that provide the particular subject matter indicated in the requirement, or where such subject matter is not indicated, the subject matter found in applicant's disclosure.

In response to this requirement, please provide a list of keywords that are particularly helpful in locating publications related to the disclosed art of cross purchase.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Naresh Vig whose telephone number is (571) 272-6810. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30 - 6:00 (Wednesday off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (571) 272-6812. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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